

ARPA Annual Conference 2025

DAY 1 SUNDAY JAN 26

Oak 1

Legacy 2

Oak 2

1:00PM

Sports Tourism & Parks and Recreation – Making a positive Impact!

Making a Splash: Aquatic Exercise for Improved Health and Wellness

Communicating with Respect and How to talk to the Public

2:15 PM

ADA Coordinators in Parks and Recreation

Recreation Revenue: Hacking your way to additional Revenue

Limitbreaker Leadership

3:30 PM

Powerful Programs with Partnerships

Questions You Are Afraid to Ask

Deep Dive + Demo: Canva and Chat GPT

4:45PM GENERAL OPENING

6:00 PM COUNTRY VS COUNTRY CLUB @ BUNKERS

DAY 2 MONDAY JAN 27

Oak 1

Terrace

Oak 2

Auditorium

9:00 AM

The Trail that Leads to Grant Funding

Synthetic Turf Best Practices

Diving Into Your Data Without Drowning

Special Events: The Do's, The Dont's, the Maybe's

10:15 AM

Empowering Moms Who Work in Parks and Recreation: A Roundtable Discussion

TBA

Fit, Fad, or Flop

Project Management-1000's of Details

11:30 AM BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 NOON BOXED LUNCHES

12:30 - 5:00PM EXHIBT HALL OPEN

1:30 PM

Alabama Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan – focus group for all members

Aquatics Liability

Unique funding and cost recovery in developing indoor sports centers

De-Escalation Techniques and Creating Calm Spaces

5:30PM COCKTAILS & COMEDY @ JAN DEMPSEY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

DAY 3 TUESDAY JAN 28

Oak 1

Terrace

Oak 2

Auditorium

9:00 AM

TBA

Great Customer Service is Not Enough

Trends in Play Design

Sexual Predators in Parks

10:15 AM

Surviving Meet Manager -- How to Set Up Summer League Swim Meet

Turning Failure on Its Head

Persons on Autism Spectrum: Characteristics and Strategies for Success

Response to Active Shooter Events –Part 1

11:30 AM

Recreational Sports Update 2025 – NEW Sports added!

Getting Fit with Purpose

Inclusive Play Matters: Best Practices for Play and Recreation Destinations

Response to Active Shooter Events –Part 2

DISTRICT LUNCHES

2:15 PM

Connections! – Roundtable Discussions and Networking!
Athletics*Aquatics*Directors*Programming*Maintenance*Therapeutic Recreation

5:30 PM PAST PRESIDENT RECEPTION

6:00PM CLOSING / AWARDS BANQUET

8:30 PM SINGO BINGO

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DAY 1 SUNDAY FEB 1

Event Center 3

Event Center 4

Canal @ Springhill

1:00PM

Pathway to Excellence:
Unlocking the Power of
CAPRA Accreditation

NATR/Yellowhammer
Outdoors

Introduction to Artificial
Intelligence for Parks and
Rec Professional

2:15 PM

ASPHERD

Trips, Travel & Tidbits

Practical Applications of
AI for Parks and
Recreation Professionals

3:30 PM

Parks, People & Pennies:
Navigating Economic
Challenges with
Confidence

Beating the Burnout:
Keeping Staff Energized
Through the Summer
Slump

Using AI to Design
Recreational Programs
for Special Needs

4:45PM GENERAL OPENING

SOCIAL TBA

DAY 2 MONDAY FEB 2

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9:00 AM

How To Start Your Own
NHL Street Program

Parks and Recreation
Marketing with AI

From Scratch to Splash:
Building a Summer Camp
That Works

Nurturing a culture of
possibility: Big ideas for
all-sized agencies

10:15 AM

Easy Aquatics
Maintenance - Not
Really!!!

Parks and Rec AI Security
and Policy
Considerations

Their Voice
Teen Advisory Boards

Coffee & Conversations:
The Key to Responsive
and Resilient Parks & Rec

11:30 AM

Level of Service Planning
for Maintaining Parks

Insights from the SCORP
Planning Process & Using
the Plan to Secure Grant
Funding

Play with Purpose:
Incorporating STEAM Into
Your Recreation
Programming

Recreational Sports
Yearly Update and
Important Information

12:30 PM :LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL 1:30-3:30 CONNEXTIONS

4:00PM HAPPY HOUR IN EXHIBIT HALL SOCIAL TBA

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9:00 AM

Special Events from all
four corners

Conflict & Violence in the
Workplace

Race Day Ready: How to
Pull Off a Smooth Youth
Track Meet

Easy as Pie: The APIED
Clinical Process in
Inclusionary Strategies

10:15 AM

Low Cost Games

Coaching Difficult
Employees

Lifelong Lessons in
Leadership

Ready to Respond:
Elevating Aquatics Staff
Training through
Inservices and Drills

11:30 AM

Team Building Games

Young at Heart: Special
Events for Seniors

The Art of Dealing With
Difficult People in Youth
Sport

Seasonal Maintenance
Strategies: Year-Round
Park Care Planning

ORANGE BEACH FACILITY TOURS - INCLUDES GRAB N GO LUNCH AND CEU CREDIT

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